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<p><b>REQUEST</b></p> <p>FOR</p> <p><b>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)</b></p> <p><b>TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	09/725,717
	Filing Date	November 30, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Malik, Dale
	Group Art Unit	2142
	Examiner Name	Vu, Thong H.
	Attorney Docket Number	190252-1650

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

  - ☐ Previously Submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
    - ☐ Other:
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other:
- Miscellaneous**

  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
  - ☐ Other:
- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

  - ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No.
    - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 10/26/2004 MAHMED1 00000043 09725717
    - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
    - ☐ Other:
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Name (Print Type)	Jeffrey R. Kuester
Signature	
Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	34,367
Date	10-22-04

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In Re Application of:

Malik, Dale

Serial No.: 09/725,717

Filed: November 30, 2000

Confirmation No.: 1249

Group Art Unit: 2142

Examiner: Vu, Thong H.

Docket No.: 190252-1650

**For: Method and Apparatus for Automatically Checking E-mail Addresses in Outgoing E-mail Communications**

The following is a list of documents enclosed:

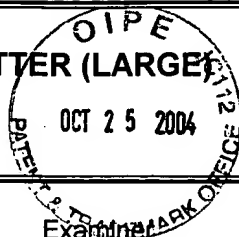
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Amendment and Response to Office Action

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# AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (LARGE)

Applicant(s): **Malik, Dale**



Docket No.

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Invention: **Method and Apparatus for Automatically Checking E-mail Addresses in Outgoing E-mail Communications**

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Transmitted herewith is the Amendment and Response to Office Action in the above-identified application.

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26 -	28 =	0	X \$18.00	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	5 -	5 =	0	X 88.00	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>				\$300.00	\$0
EXTENSION FEE	1 <sup>ST</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 110.00	2 <sup>ND</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 430.00	3 <sup>RD</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 980.00	4 <sup>TH</sup> MONTH <input type="checkbox"/> 1530.00	\$0
Other Fees: RCE					\$790.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$790.00

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$ **790.00**)**Complete If Known**

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	790	2001	395	Utility Filing Fee	
1002	350	2002	175	Design Filing Fee	
1003	550	2003	275	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1)**(\$ **0**)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

	Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	26	- 28** =	0	X 18.00 = 0
Independent Claims	5	- 5** =	0	X 88.00 = 0
Multiple Dependent			300.00	= 0

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	88	2201	44	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	300	2203	150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	88	2204	44	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

**SUBTOTAL (2)**(\$ **0**)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEES CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	430	2252	215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	980	2253	490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,530	2254	765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,080	2255	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	340	2401	170	Notice of Appeal	
1402	340	2402	170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	340	2403	170	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
1453	1,370	2453	685	Petition to revive-unintentional	
1501	1,370	2501	685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	490	2502	245	Design issue fee	
1503	660	2503	330	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional application	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	790.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited exam. of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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Typed or Printed Name

**Jeffrey R. Kuester**

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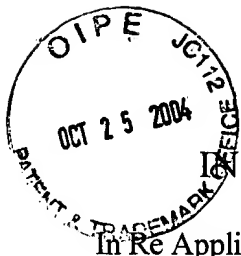
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

The outstanding Final Office Action mailed July 22, 2004 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 71504) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 18, and 21 are amended and claims 3 and 22 are canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-21, and 23-29 are now pending in the present application. In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this response so that the Final Office Action mailed July 22, 2004, is now effectively made non-final. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

***AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT***

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 20-0778.